

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

D1 --This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/153,281 filed September 9, 1999 and United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/164,616 filed November 10, 1999. This filing is a U.S. Utility Patent Application.--

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned, "Version with markings to show changes made."

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner required an election of one of two species:

- I. An IL-B30 subunit (SEQ ID NO:2 or 4); or
- II. A P40 subunit (murine or mouse).

Applicants thank the Examiner for her willingness to discuss the Species Election, during a telephonic conference on June 4, 2002. Applicants pointed out that the election of one of the above species is not consistent with Claims 51-62, because the claims recite an antigenic epitope dependent on the presence of both polypeptides, i.e., IL-B30 and p40. Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing that the Species Election should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner formally indicate that the Species Election is withdrawn in writing.